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# Will You Share In Good Fortune To-morrow?

## Some Excellent Values in Ladies' and Children's Hosiery.

The Hosiery Department, in its enlarged quarters, holds out some very tempting values to economically inclined patrons.

The following items but faintly hint of what's here. We have Ladies' Hosiery on up to \$2.50 a pair.

Boys' and Girls' Plain and Pleated Hosiery, splendid grade, to close, 12c a pair.

Boys' and Girls' Ribbed Hosiery, high soler, heel and toes, double heels and double knees, in extra heavy and medium weights, sizes 6 to 12, to close, 12c a pair.

Boys' and Girls' Wide Rib Fast Black Hosiery, sizes 6 to 12, extra value, to close, 12c a pair.

The famous "Simmon" Stocking for Boys, has three thread knee, three thread foot and four thread heel and toe. Of unusual strength and durability, sizes 6 to 12, 3 pair for 25c.

Ladies' Plain Black Hosiery, high soler, heel and toes, double heels and double knees, to close, 12c a pair.

A very remarkable value in Ladies' Hosiery, high soler, heel and toes, double heels and double knees, to close, 12c a pair.

Ladies' Fancy Cotton Hosiery, half dozen double-heel, double-knee, to close, 12c a pair.

Ladies' Fancy Striped Hosiery, in good assortment. The former price was 25c, to close, 12c a pair.

Ladies' Beautiful Scotch Plaid and Fancy Hosiery. Were 25c, now 12c a pair.

### Black Goods.

Deep, impenetrable blacks that give excellent service are the sort that we have.

There's not an item mentioned here but what can be depended upon for service and durability.

36-inch all pure wool Black Serge—like most other stores' 57c, grades—25c a yard.

60-inch all pure wool Black Serge—very special—actual 75c, grade at 50c, a yard.

60-inch Super grade fine Imperial Serge at 75c, a yard.

Regular 12.50 grade Imperial Serge—50 inches wide, at 57c, a yard.

46-inch Royal Silk Finish Henrietta, 58c a yard.

46-inch Silk Warp Henrietta, very rich finish, positive \$1 value, at 57c, a yard.

40-inch splendid quality Black Cheviot—56c, a yard.

60-inch extra heavy Black Serge for Tailor Made Suits—75c, a yard.

62-inch Black Broadcloth, magnificently finished—exceptionally good value—62c, 65c, and \$1 a yard.

62-inch extra heavy Veneen Cloth—a handsome fabric—\$1 a yard.

66-inch Black Brilliant (note the width) 66c, a yard.

### The Ladies' Suits.

There are just twenty-eight Suits here—Suits that are marked at least a full third under the reduced (?) prices quoted by other stores eager to rid themselves of burdensome stocks.

Proof positive that Suits coming from Watt's are correct in every detail is vouchered for by the enormous number that have been sold by us this season.

This is unquestionably THE Suit store of all Norfolk.

Prices range from \$7 for a good Black Serge Suit up to \$29 for a very handsome, tight-fitting Suit of Brown Veneen Cloth.

### Domestics.

Very excellent quality Prints, in fact, the best six-cent grade, go on sale to-morrow at

FOUR CENTS A YARD.

A splendid line of 20-inch Flannellette—like a dozen other patterns—extra for home sewing and wrapping. The same goods that \$1.25 a yard at 10c, a yard—here now at the very low price 6c, a yard.

Heavy Tailed Cocones in a wide range of large designs—splendid at 12c, a yard.

Handsome Camo Draperies, an excellent weave, in 14 of good patterns, 12c, a yard.

The new and best Avalon Draperies—beautiful patterns—12c, a yard.

Solid Color Denims—36 inches wide—garment, clothing, sage, turquoise and black—25c, a yard.

Double-faced Draperies—Imperial Bag and effects—25c, a yard.

An excellent grade of Black Cotton at 25c, a yard.

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Heavy Unbleached Canvas Flannel, full width, positive \$1 value, at 57c, a yard.

10-4 Unbleached Sheet—the 15c, grade at 12c, a yard.

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### Marseilles Quilts.

A splendid chance to buy bed coverings at far under regular askings.

Excellent quality Marseilles Quilts in about half 4 new patterns—these quilts have become slightly soiled from handling, one washing will make them as good as new. The regular price has been \$1.25, to close them quickly we price them 75c each.

## The Prior-to-Inventory General Clearance Sale Offers Many Opportunities.

In addition to our earnest endeavor to clear the shelves and counters before taking inventory of stock, we have vast merchandise movements under way that will require every inch of space that we can secure. We will say more of these events later.

To-day's telling concerns—

A Curtain sale of much importance.

A Stationery sale of great interest.

Dress Goods and Silk Remnants at small prices.

Ladies' Coats a Third Lower than former cost.

Large Size Corsets at Half Regular Prices.

12-4 All Wool White Blankets—\$5 00 grade, \$3.25.

These and other events of equal interest will make to-morrow a busy day for us. NOTE.—All goods mentioned in this announcement will be sold at the advertised price as long as the quantity holds out, unless otherwise specified.

### Reduced Prices on Ladies' Coats.

Our entire line of high-grade, silk lined Kersey Coats, blue, black, green and brown at

A THIRD LESS

than their former prices.

And these:

Blue, black and green Cheviot Coats—sized 26 and 28 only—were \$8—now \$5 each.

Black and Green Kersey Coats—sized 26 and 28 only—were \$10, now \$7 each.

A few Cheviot Coats to close at \$3 and \$4 each.

Black Double Capes, to close \$1.75 and \$2 each.

Black Capes at wonderfully small prices. Must close them quickly.

\$5 Blankets, \$3.25.

We have just twenty-seven pairs of them left. The same good Blankets we told of last Sunday and sold so many of last Monday.

Extra large size, full 12-4 White Blankets—sized 12-4, not 11-4—strictly all pure wool warp and filling, long, durable, warm and comfortable. Have pink, blue, yellow and red borders, handsomely bound in silk. The most extraordinary Blanket value of the season. Sell in all stores at \$5 a pair. Our regular low price is \$4, but

For To-morrow only we Price Them at \$3.25 Pair.

### Remnants of Dress Goods and Silk.

Not so many here now, by a couple of hundred, as when the sale started last Monday. Still, there's a plenty to pick from and to save on.

You'll find them in the Dress Goods sections—rear of left aisle.

### Toilet Soap, 1c.

Thirty-seven dozen cakes of splendid Toilet Soap go on sale to-morrow at 1c a cake.

Not more than 5 cakes to a customer.

### An Opportunity in Lace Curtains.

There are numerous odd pairs of Lace Curtains here—Nottingham, Swiss and Irish point. There is only one pair of a pattern.

Former prices were \$1 up to \$6.50 a pair. The new prices are 75c. up to \$4 a pair.

This sale will afford a splendid chance to secure Lace Curtains at under-prices. The saving on each pair is very apparent.

Remnants of Solid Curtain Scrim, 1 to 6 yard lengths. The 12c. grade to be sold at 3c. a yard.

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### \$1.50 Muff, 50c.

The lateness of the season changes the price on a lot of well-made Astorian Muffs.

Former price had been \$1.50—their new price is

### HALF DOLLAR EACH.

There are only seven in the lot—wanters must hurry.

### Lace Clearance.

Seville, Torchon and Point D'Paris Laces that sold up to ten cents a yard will find a hasty selling to-morrow at

### 3c A YARD.

They run from one-quarter to an inch-and-a-half in width. They are slightly soiled from handling—hence their ridiculous price, three cents.

A beautiful lot of the very dainty Point D'Esprit Ties, to close, 25c each.

\$1.50 Water Bottles 50c.

We place on sale to-morrow seventy-five rich, imported Cut Glass Water Bottles, beautiful strawberry and fan design, very heavy quality; deep, true cutting. Brilliant fiery polish.

These Bottles are worth at least \$1.50—We price them, special, 50c each.

## Some Truly Remarkable Values In High-Class Stationery.

Stationery selling, such as is done here, is beyond any other store's supremest efforts.

The magnificent Hurlbut correspondence papers are here in splendid assortment.

We've a Hurlbut society paper in court royal and court square shapes, with rich medallion initial, beautifully boxed, 24 sheets of paper and envelopes in each box, that we sell at 29c a box. Any initial.

Hurlbut's Tinted Paper, embossed, 12c a box.

Hurlbut's Fine Old English Paper, very refined, white, yellow, and silver, 25c a box.

The Hurlbut Fine Stationery, antique design, plain and ruled, 25c a box.

English Court Stationery, two tints in a box, light blue and pink, beautifully boxed, 25c a box.

Richly Bound Anniversary Note, a splendid value, at 10c a box.

Crushed Vellum in azure and white, smooth finish, 15c. pound. Envelopes to match, 5c. package.

Real Irish Linen, note and commercial sizes, plain and ruled, 15c. a pound. Envelopes to match, 5c. a package.

The "W. R. & C. Special," velvet finish, plain and ruled, 10c. a pound. Envelopes to match, 5c. a package.

600 Page Pencil Tablets, for ink, splendid paper, rich floral coverings, 10c. each.

University Tablets, with blotter attached, two sizes, 5c. and 10c. each.

### Underwear.

Here are items often seen in print, but seldom found.

These you'll find—here.

Ladies' regular twenty-five cent grade Shirts and Drawers, to close,

### EIGHTEEN CENTS EACH.

Men's extraordinary good value—the famous Swiss Conde Fine Wool Underwear—heavy rib—extra fine—now

sells everywhere else at \$1—here at 50c each.

Men's Heavy Ribbed Cotton Shirts and Drawers—25c each.

Men's regular 50c, extra heavy Canton Flannel Drawers—57c each.

Men's Heavy Winter Flannel Lined Grey Shirts—the 50c. grade, to close, 30c.

Men's Heavy Wool Flannel Lined Shirts and Drawers—the 75c. grade, to close, 45c each.

Ladies' White Vests and Pants—two-thirds wool—small sizes, only—were 60c, now 50c each.

### Men's Goods.

Men's and Boys' Laundered Negligee Shirts, in a splendid range of good designs. They are made with attached collars and collars, inside yoke; pearl buttons. Positively worth 50c., to go at 29c. each.

Boys' and Men's Stiff Bosom Percale Shirts—Men's have detachable collars and two collars—Boys' have detachable collars only—open bosoms—positively worth 50c. to 60c. each.

Men's Grey and Tan Undressed Mosquito Kid Gloves—silk lined—snap fastenings—\$1 a pair.

Boys' and Men's Scotch Wool Gloves—exceptional values at 25c. and 30c. a pair.

Twenty-five dozen Men's Wool Felt Mitts to go at 10c. a pair.

Men's White Twilled Night Shirts, made of excellent drill—regular 75c. value, at 25c. each.

Men's Half Wool Sox—greys and blacks 12c, a pair.

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### \$1 50 Wrappers, 89c.

Ladies' splendid quality Flannelette Wrappers, in every wanted color, full line of sizes. Positive \$1.50 value, 89c. each.

Ladies' Best Quality Flannelette Wrappers, in an exceptionally good line of designs and colorings—made to sell for \$1.00—to close, \$1.25 each.

### 50c. Corsets, 25c.

We've a few dozen large size Corsets of different makes. We want to sell them quickly, so we price them as follows:

Large sizes of Ladies' and Misses' Corsets that have been sold at 50c., are now marked, to close, 25c. each.

Large sizes of Nursing Corsets that have been sold at \$1, are now marked, to close, 50c. each.

Large sizes of regular \$1.50 and \$1 Corsets are now marked, to close, 50c. each.

"Double V" Waists for Boys and Girls, double sizes—have been 50c.—now, to close, 25c. each.

"Mothers' Friend" Shirt Waists—made of best Percale, laundered—have been 75c.—now, to close, 50c. each.

### \$6 Taffeta Waists, \$4.

High Grade Taffeta Waists, beautifully tucked front and back. Detachable high standing collars and pleated cuffs, fully lined, excellently made. Regular \$6 Waists at \$4.

Black Regulating Waists—cross pleats finished with white braid; some with red braid; pointed yoke back, detachable standing collar—worth \$2.25, at \$1.25.

### \$1.75 Umbrellas \$1.

Good fortune in getting these excellent Umbrellas to sell at a dollar.

Taffeta Gloria Silk Umbrellas—steel rods, paragon frames, close rollers, beautiful natural handles—the \$1.75 quality at \$1 each.

## Things Theatrical at Home and Abroad.

### A LAUGHABLE COMEDY.

Horatio Irving Booth will be at the Academy of Music next Thursday and Friday and Friday matinee in "Side Tracked." The play is a sensational comedy, and while the plot is not deep, it is interesting. The central figure is a train and the character develops a proof of the axioms, "It is not the clothes that makes the man" and "A ragged coat may cover an honest heart." The management state that the play has been entirely rewritten and strengthened and that a complete new outfit of stage costumes and picture scenery, including a realistic railroad switch scene, have been added.

Among the members of the company are E. H. O'Connor, Billy Bowers, Gertrude Barnes, Cecile Lorraine, Josephine Roberts, John Robinson, Marguerite Mayfield, R. Edgar Vance and J. J. Brophy. Also L. C. Yeomans and Harry Leslie.

### THE CAKE WALK AT THE ACADEMY.

The event promises to be most entertaining and enjoyable. The eighteen original cake walkers who made their big hit at Richmond, and set the town big over this unique and amusing fad, have rehearsed privately and they are prepared to introduce the funniest poses and paces and strolls and savagery and attitudes, postures and characteristic after ever seen outside of Jackson Ward, in Richmond. Some of the costumes will be superb. That huge cake, with a \$10 bill as prize money, and the smaller cake, with a \$5 bill looming up like a full moon on a summer night, will inspire capers entirely original and exceedingly laughable. The very best walkers in Richmond, or indeed, in the South, will appear in all the glory of the gorgeous costumes. It is thought that the judges may have some difficulty in deciding who shall take the prize.

The program is now complete. It is a highly entertaining one. The cake dancing is a feature and the sales and quartettes for old plantation melodies and new, catchy, topical compositions are expected to make a hit. The specialties are said to be unusually amusing.

### EMIL SAUER.

The coming to America of this Genius of the Piano—Sauer is the Pianist of the Hour in Continental Europe—On His Way to the United States.

The musical world of America is anxiously awaiting the arrival in this country of Emil Sauer. This marvelous young wizard of the keys who has amazed Europe and won the applause of potentates and people by his brilliancy and eccentricity of his playing, will arrive in New York this month. He intends to stay but a short time, and already his brief tour is more than



Emil Sauer is still a young man, having been born in Germany in 1862. His mother, a venerable lady now living in Hamburg, was his first teacher. From her he received his musical education and from his sixth to his sixteenth year she alone gave him instruction. By mere chance in 1876 the famous Rubenstein heard Sauer play, and was so impressed with his ability that he urged his brother, Nikolaus Rubenstein, to take hold of the boy and make him a "great pianist." After receiving several months' instruction from Rubenstein, Sauer made his debut in North Germany, where he was so favorably received that he was induced to brave the criticism of cultured London. His success there was instantaneous, and the boy became widely known. In 1885

and 1884 he made a tour of Spain and Italy, and the queens of both countries, for whom he gave special concerts, as well as the people generally, were so deeply impressed with his work, and he was proclaimed everywhere as the greatest of the living pianists.

The venerable composer Liszt was one of the first to recognize the extraordinary endowment of the young pianist, and with the seal of his approval set upon him, Sauer made a brilliant debut in Berlin in the presence of the Imperial family. From that time on his fame has been world-wide. The demand for him in English speaking countries was especially urgent, and in the years 1894-95-96 he made a triumphant tour of England, where he created a greater sensation than any musician since the days of Liszt and Rubenstein.

One of his most recent triumphs was made in the presence of the young Queen of Holland—Wilhelmina. At her special request he gave several concerts at the Court of Holland, and after his tour of America is finished he will return there to play again.

According to the European papers, which have given extensive descriptions of this artist's playing and personality, he is a man of magnetic genius, who controls his audiences to a remarkable degree and holds his hearers spellbound, while women are often moved to tears by the sympathy of his musical delicacy. He is a virtuoso whose extraordinary technical ability is only equaled by the poesy of his delectable playing. He has been described as a Titan on the keys. His technique unites impeccability with dazzling brilliancy. His hearers are often on the verge of delirium, and in his fortissimo there is a voice of thunder, but when the tempest of melody is over his touch is as

gentle, soft and delicate as the falling of a feather.

Such is the verdict and expressions of European critics who have had the pleasure of hearing this master of the piano. He has been raved over by the feminine world more wildly than Paderewski, whom he closely resembles in personal appearance. He wears his hair in the same manner, but his crop is far more luxurious than that of the famous Paderewski. Like all bachelor musicians, Sauer says he is in love with art, but he is not impervious to female attention. In every city in which he has appeared he has been besieged with letters from feminine admirers, all of a class that can appreciate his music and love him for his art.

On one notable occasion Sauer played to a single auditor. It was in Lemberg, when an elderly gentleman, who had traveled miles to hear the great pianist, found him in the arms of a girl. The old gentleman went back to his home, in the lower part of Hungary, and a week later Sauer was surprised to learn that the old man had died and left him a large sum of money in appreciation of his kindness.

There are a number of similar stories and anecdotes concerning this famous musician, which have been published from time to time in the great European papers, but what the people of this country are more deeply interested in is his musical art, and they will be able to judge this for themselves when he appears in this country. His first concert will be given at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York, and later he will visit the leading cities of this country.

END OF THE CENTURY.

A READER OF THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT SEEKS INFORMATION.

Will the Virginian-Pilot inform a constant reader if 1899 is the last year of the present century, and if not, why not?

The first year of our reckoning of time was not completed until the 31st of December of the year 1; the first decade was not completed until the expiration of the last day of the tenth year, and the first century was not completed and fled away for future historic reference until the last day of the 100th year.

The second century, therefore, began January 1, 101, or just 100 years after the year 1 began, and so the twentieth century will begin on the first day of the year 1901. The nineteenth century does not go into the history of the past until the last day of the year 1899.

It is easy to remember this if one will only keep in mind that at the beginning of the 99th year only 98 years actually have elapsed, and at the beginning of the 100th year only 99 years have elapsed. When the 100th year has expired, or at midnight on December 31st, 1900, the new century will begin, and not before.

## "77"

Is Dr. Humphreys' Specific for Coughs, Colds, Influenza and

## GRIP

Prevents Pneumonia.

The use of "Seventy-seven" for Grip prevents Pneumonia by "breaking up" the cold, while its tonic powers sustain the vitality during the attack.

The doctors and officers of Boards of Health say that this epidemic of Grip is not so severe or fatal as former ones, but the danger of Pneumonia or other complications is just as great.

If you carry a vial of "77" in your pocket and take frequently you will escape the Grip.

At druggists or sent prepaid, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. Carey Med. Co., corner William and John streets, New York. Be sure to get

HUMPHREYS'

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

ANNUAL MEETING IN RICHMOND IN MARCH.

The Virginia State Sunday School Society of all Protestant denominations, will hold its next annual convention in Richmond in March, 1899.

This society was organized in Richmond, Va., in 1875, with Major Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, of Lynchburg, president, and Charles P. Rader, of Richmond, secretary. The following well-known and influential Sunday school workers have served as presidents in the order named: Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, Lynchburg; Colonel John B. Gary, Richmond; Judge E. H. Fitzhugh, Richmond; John L. Buchanan, Superintendent of Public Schools in Virginia; William D. Reynolds, Norfolk; P. H. Elliott, Richmond; Thomas Potts, Richmond; and the incumbent, Captain Charles E. Vawter, president Miller School, Virginia.

Mr. William Eliason was elected recording secretary in 1882, and was succeeded by Mr. Alfred J. Gray, in 1891. Mr. Charles P. Rader held the position of corresponding secretary, without compensation, from 1875 to 1888, when, on account of other pressing duties, he declined re-election, and Mr. A. Lee Knowles, of Staunton, was elected his successor.

Mr. Noah B. Wickham was the first field worker and county organizer, but for lack of funds he could not be retained, and from 1882 until March, 1885, the county organizations were kept up